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## GETTYSBURG.

### The Mecca of the S. of P. This Year.

Gettysburg is located about thirty miles south of Harrisburg, fifty miles northwest of Baltimore and one hundred and thirty miles southwest of Philadelphia, and is undoubtedly the most interesting point in the United States for the tourist, either soldier or citizen, to visit. In almost every portion of our great country the traveler can find grand scenery, majestic mountains, beautiful lakes, and beyond description, the beautiful handiwork of our Creator, in mighty ocean, sublime caverns, and impressive landscape. There is but one Gettysburg. Here two hundred thousand men met to decide, in the words of the lamented Lincoln, "That this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." Here sixty thousand men shed their blood, or laid down their lives to make the scene of Appomattox possible. Here, as in a great amphitheatre, met the great armies of the north and south, and the decisive battle of the war was fought. One can now stand on the parapet, thrown up by the 11th Corps, on Cemetery Hill, the spot where its gallant defenders, with stones from the wall, bravely defended their guns; at the angle where Pickett's men, led by Garnet, Kemper and Armistead, went into their death; or on Little Round Top, and look across to the Peach Orchard, Wheat Field and Devil's Den, names all, now as famous as Waterloo or Marathon.

The battlefield is now a National Park under control of the United States government, who have greatly beautified the grounds, erected four large iron towers in various parts of the field for observation purposes and are now macadamizing the avenues over the entire field, when completed there will be over one hundred miles of the finest driveway in the world.

Gettysburg is the most elaborately and accurately marked battleground in the world and can truly claim to be the Monumental Battlefield, as it contains more

monuments and memorials than all the other battlefields in the world combined. More than one thousand markers and about five hundred monuments, made of granite, bronze and marble, costing from \$1000 to \$125,000 each, and representing a total cost of over three million dollars can be found on the field.

The principle objects of interests are the National Cemetery occupying seventeen acres adjoining the citizen's cemetery containing the remains of the Union soldiers who fell in the battle, the National Monument and the enormous New York State monument, 125 feet high. Near the entrance of the National Cemetery stands the semi-colossal bronze statue of General Reynolds, which was made from cannon donated by the State of Pennsylvania. Seminary Ridge the scene of the first days fight, the earthworks on Cemetery Hill and the long

Summer Excursion tickets to and from Gettysburg at exceeding low rates for the round trip. Such tickets are good to return until Oct. 31st. Rountrip from Harrisburg is \$2; Baltimore, \$3; Philadelphia \$6; New York \$9.65; Pittsburg \$11.95. Other places at proportionate rates. To find the exact cost ask your local agent the cost of a Summer Excursion ticket to Gettysburg and return.

Hotel accommodations are ample and very good. The largest and one of the finest is the new Hotel Gettysburg, located on Centre Square, in which the Sons of Philatelia will hold their fifth annual convention on August 4th and 5th, 1896.

### How I Became A Collector.

I have been asked by several philatelists how I became a collector.

I began in this way—One day my friend and I were sitting on an old bench under an apple tree near an old barn telling stories, etc., as boys of our age would do.

Fred's grandfather, Mr. W——, did not like to have us go up in the hay-mow of the barn because he had some of his things up there. His wife called them "trash". Knowing that Mr. W—— was not at home, Fred proposed we should see what was in there. So we went in and found several boxes; on closer examination we found that two of them contained old letters.

We were both "taken up" with the stamps. I had heard something about stamp collecting at school and told Fred.

When Mr. W—— came home we were both in the barn yet; as we made much noise he came to see what it was. When he came up we told him of our discovery and he gave us the stamps and told us we must not go up there.

We obtained old blank books and put all the 1 cent stamps on one page, the 2 cent on another, etc., postage and revenues, both.

We found somewhat over three hundred stamps including envelope and revenues. Fred soon grew weary of stamps and gave his to me. I went on ransacking every place for stamps, but



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line of monuments on Cemetery Ridge, the bullet scarred trees on Culp's Hill, the observatory on the summit of Big Round top from which a view of the 2nd and 3rd days fight can be had, the beautiful picnic grounds on Little Round Top; the enormous bullet marked boulders at Devil's Den, the Whirlpool of Death, the Bloody Angle, Peach Orchard, etc. The Katalysine Springs, one mile west of Gettysburg, near the first days fight, have acquired a great reputation for their medicinal qualities. It resembles the celebrated Vichy water and said to be a positive cure for gout, rheumatism, dyspepsia and kidney affections.

The railroad fare to Gettysburg is very cheap as all the eastern railroads sell



all of a sudden stopped and laid my collection aside, not seeing it for nearly a year.

Then one winter evening I was reading a story paper and seeing an advertisement which read as follows: "50 var. Foreign stamps including Mexico, Ceylon, Natal, etc. 25c." I sent for it, but when it came—what came with it? Approval sheets. I then bought several other packets of different dealers and in a few days received a Philatelic paper. Dealers and publishers kept on sending price lists and papers until I subscribed for several, sent for sheets, and thus I became a collector. F. H. P.

### Through Musty Papers.

Some years ago, when the writer was attending college—a period of life during which formative impressions are made and are most lasting—chance or Providence, or friend Miller (he who answers to number 1, though I am told there are now three) sent me a *small printed sheet*, folded about three times and inclosed in an envelope, in order to insure against loss in transit, I presume.

Upon the outer front cover was printed the title "THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR." I do not now remember the exact size, or contents, of this miniature magazine. One characteristic impressed me though, and that was the aesthetic taste shown in the color of the cover, *yellow*.

My first impression was, that it was intended as a joke, perhaps, or at most the rather ingenious display of the thriftiness of some youngster who would be a follower in the footsteps of those much talked of "self-made" men, whose careers began with the printing press. A ten-minute perusal of this baby paper impressed me with the fact that its evidently youthful editor had energy and push, even if he had no brains, though these latter became evident later. Further reflection and some correspondence placed me on the roll of membership of the Sons of Philatelia. This, in a vague way, was the beginning of my interest in old stamps—"foolishness," as my revered teacher in Archeology recently stated, though he was careful to obtain a complete set of the Columbian Issue, as "mementoes of the occasion."

But has this to do with "Musty Papers?" Not at all, kind reader, be assured. It is merely a pleasant digression and at the same time a timid approach to "old things." Our illustrious poet and philatelist, Greene, you know, not infrequently spins verses out of less pretentious subjects. No offense meant to Mr. G., but we have a feeling akin somewhat to Dante in his wanderings in Hades when he met Virgil, he evidently "felt more at home."

Possessed of the stamp "craze," and having looked over letters of unspeakable value among the household archives,

it occurred to me that possibly I might make a "find" in larger and more promising fields. As every collector of any pretense to energy has experienced, "finds" are not made every day, nor are the rewards of any effort ever sufficiently or adequately realized. In consequence many a disappointment was my only recompense. Old stamps were kindly sent to me from various places; but though "old" yet many of them possessed no philatelic value. Several really good and valuable specimens were thus acquired. In most cases the intentions and good will of the senders were more to be desired than the stamps or their value in money.

Having exhausted the field of personal solicitation, it occurred to me that the valuable records in the archives of the literary societies might furnish a field for original exploration. The suggestion was acted upon immediately, and the search for the much prized bits of engraved or printed paper begun. It was more tedious and wearisome than was originally imagined. Documents and correspondence for nearly sixty years had accumulated. Much of this material was labeled as to character. But large packages were marked miscellaneous. These might or might not contain a "find." For a long time no stamps were found, yet many interesting documents, such as letters from distinguished men now long since dead—some of them forgotten, too,—were found. Letters from presidents, who had been elected honorary members, United States Senators and others, whose hopes were presidentialward, and who died in that hope.

One day, my perseverance lasted for a week, coming upon a packet of letters dated 1847 I thought that I should certainly secure fame and wealth in that package. For the time being I believe I should have preferred rather that bundle than have been the writer of any single letter, or have possessed his fame, that was in it, though a number of them were from the most distinguished men of that period. One can almost believe that the raptures of a single moment may compensate for the disappointments and sorrows of a life time! Perhaps I express myself too strongly, nevertheless this was a supreme moment and distinctly do I remember it. I wonder if this moment comes to all collectors! A touch of sorrow may make the whole world akin, but does an individual triumph always or ever excite universal sympathy? It is said that the whole world loves a lover (which is doubtful), yet I'm perfectly sure that there are persons who have had green *envy* in their natures—such as have been unsuccessful or unfortunate suitors. So with the philatelist. He is human like other mortals, he is weak like other sinners.

But to my subject. The short of it is that *one* stamp was the reward of my

expectations and hopes. Dark despair now replaced bright hope, yet not entirely so, for this single specimen was of value. It was not in my collection, and what collector does not rejoice even in filling one space! He does not have the genuine fever unless he feels that some satisfaction, even if one stamp only is the cause, has been the result of his efforts. This solitary was a D. O. Blood & Co., City Dispatch, Paid, with the double outer circle, now catalogue by Scott (55th edition) as L 27, no. 1540. The specimen is "fine," and is on the original envelope, or rather folded paper, since this was previous to the general introduction of the envelope. I still possess this stamp, and cherish it as my first "find." This letter is dated *Philad. Pa.*

But it was figuratively heart breaking to see letters dated, N. Y., Boston, Phila., St. Louis and elsewhere whose stamps had been torn off by the hand of ruthless vandal. It was evident that they had been removed merely for the sake of destroying them, as numerous pieces were found among the letters and even small fragments were sticking to the originally folded paper. There must have been several of Barr's Dispatch, as sufficient evidence was given of at least two. Further researches disclosed the fact also that an experienced hand had been among the records. Some specimens had been carefully removed. It was evident, too, that they had been taken off twenty-five or thirty years back, for there were some not removed which at that time were common.

Sometime after this search I had occasion to go to the library of the other society. At the time the registrar was rearranging the records and throwing into the waste-basket superfluous and worthless material, as he thought, and had burnt most of it. My companion in walking past the coal hod, noticed what he thought a stamp upon an old piece of paper. It proved to be a Penny Post, (Scotts 55th) No. 290 A 24. Inquiry revealed the fact that he had seen a dozen or more of them—every one of them burt by this young man, blissfully ignorant of their value. Other valuable general issues were said to have been destroyed. As these societies carried on a large general and official correspondence there must have been a great number now rare and valuable stamps in these archives. What a loss to the societies and to the philatelic world in general! If collecting small bits of engraved printed paper is a "crazy fad," as some would have it, then it seems to me that these utilitarian criers of our times are acting senselessly in not at least acquiring the knowledge of their *market* value if they can't appreciate their philatelic worth. And this is where the critics blunder. They cannot mark the distinction between collecting for *pleasurable*



profit, and for money profit. They cannot see the difference unless it is shown in their bank account.

The Professor whom I have quoted in the fore part of this article as collecting "mementoes of the occasion," finally confessed it as "wonderful" when shown the list price of his Columbian Issue. It actually increased his interest in them. And this brings to my mind the question, why do people collect stamps? The answer to this question is the same as the answer to the questions, why do people collect china, old armour, old books, pottery, coins, etc? Surely not for their intrinsic value, since these bits of material are relatively of little value. But I think and believe that the idea of collecting antiquated and curious things lies deep in the nature of man. Man loves adornment. It is an innate principle. Likewise is it in the constitution of man to worship, adore and reverence a deity. He may kneel before the beautiful or it may be, the ugly. Man was thus originally, and he has not wholly transcended and eliminated this idea from his constitution. Thus by the association of these ideas—of the infinite with the finite—he comes to place a degree of value upon the intrinsically valueless.

Deity is beyond value; we cannot apply scarcity or fulness, speaking materially, to the term. All other things are relatively plentiful or not, and just in the degree in which they are, so in like degree do they become objects of interest, and may be of commercial value. It is the association of the idea of infinite value with that of relative value, which make a bit of paper be estimated beyond its intrinsic value. This is my opinion of the idea in collecting.

I have more than taken allotted space. "Musty Papers" have been almost forgotten. Let us have some more opinions on this subject, which is to my mind of more importance than the mere differentia of color to a minute degree which may determine whether a stamp shall be catalogued at one cent or six dollars. E. E. WEAVER.

### Bermuda Official Stamps.

BY R. M. MILLER.

I noticed in *Philatelia* for April 11th that Bermuda had issued an official stamp for the use of the general in command of the English forces to frank official letters, being placed on the envelope the same as an ordinary postage stamp. The stamps were said to come in sheets and have the words "On Official Service" printed on each stamp.

Being somewhat of a specialist in Bermuda stamps I wrote to Mr. V. O. Brown, who is a member of the Sons of Philatelia and postmaster of the city of St.

Georges, Bermuda, requesting him to send me specimens and give me all the data about them possible.

Following is the answer I received:

DERBY, ENG., June 23, 1896.

DEAR SIR:

Your letter to me has been forwarded to England where I am spending a few months.

Re the new stamps, your information is news to me as no such stamps were ever issued or to my knowledge would be issued. The present custom is that a regular soldier or seaman has the privilege of sending his letters to England for one penny, providing his commanding officer writes his name or initials in the bottom left hand corner. This privilege is admitted from any of the British Colonies. I will write home concerning the matter and will give you any further information I can obtain.

Bermuda sadly needs five pence and two shilling three pence stamps and I shall advocate for them strenuously on my return home.

Yours respectfully,

V. O. BROWN.



MR. A. F. WICKS.

Mr. A. F. Wicks, the subject of this month's sketch, is a native of London, Canada, where he now resides. He commenced collecting many years ago, when a boy, and finally lost his interest in the pursuit, until about 4 years ago, when he acquired a quantity of valuable stamps, thus reviving his interest and he is now one of the Godess Philatelia's most devoted followers. He is at present a superintendent in the M. C. R. freight sheds at London and he devotes the greater portion of his spare time to stamp collecting and dealing. Mr. Wicks is possessed of a good tenor voice and is one of the leading members of the London Amateur Operatic Association and always takes one of the principal roles at their performances. He is an all-round jolly-good-fellow, member of the Sons of Philatelia and is quite a favorite among his friends. L. M. S.



### S. of P. Notes.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Sons of Philatelia will be held August 4 and 5, in the double parlors of Hotel Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Pa. A large gathering is assured and it is expected to be the most successful Philatelic Convention ever held. The famous Battle-field is a great attraction and special arrangements have been made with Capt. Jas. T. Long, the wellknown guide and delineator to take the members over the *entire* field and explain all the points of interest. Capt. Long is acknowledged to be the best guide for this renowned battle ground, and was selected as guide for the visit of the Corps Commanders and Chief of Staff with the Count of Paris, October, 1890.

A photograph will be taken on some prominent portion of the field of all the members on Wednesday and in the evening a banquet will be held in Hotel Gettysburg.

Among the number of prominent members who will be present will be Pres. Luhn; Vice-Pres. Thomas; Sec'y Miller; Treas. Messer; Int. Sec'y Russell; Libr. Townly; Auc. Mgr. Kelland; Trustees Parks, Ward and Dunkhorst; ex-Pres. Bartlett; Eben S. Martin, publisher of the Official Journal; ex-Chairman of Trustees Spooner, C. W. Kissinger, J. Arthur Wainwright; ex-Ex. Supt. Emmert; ex-Trustee Spooner; Edw. C. Biggar, Wm. L. Richard and about 50 others.

Members who cannot attend the Convention should not fail to send their proxy to some member who will attend. This is something of importance and every member should see to it.

Your proxy can vote on every question for you except for new officers. You must mark and seal your own ballot.

Ballots for the election of officers were sent to every paid up member on July 4. Members who are in arrears will receive a ballot as soon as they remit their dues.



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ONE of our hobbies will be the matter of illustrating all articles when necessary. Contributors who desire their articles illustrated should send photo, sketch or drawing.

OUR next number will contain a full report of the S. of P. Convention which will be held August 4th and 5th at Gettysburg, Pa. Ye editor will be in attendance and hopes to make many new acquaintances.

THE favorite topic of the day is conventions and philatelic politics. Almost every paper devotes considerable space to the subject and we desire to say if you have never attended a philatelic convention, you should go this year, and meet your brother "cranks" as some are wont to call us.

TALKING about philatelic politics just reminds us that we noticed a very lengthy article by J. Henry Thomas in the March *Pennsy* lauding Roy F. Greene and advocating him for the next presidency of the P. S. of A. The author states that he will vouch for everything that G. does. If he would only have said he would vouch for everything Roy F.

Greene has done, then we would ask Mr. Thomas to return the S. of P. Library of some 4000 pieces which is still in Greene's possession or remit its value.

After the S. of P. convention in Chicago in 1893, Greene resigned as Librarian which office he held in the S. of P. and also sent in his resignation as a member. His resignation as Librarian was accepted but his resignation as a member was not accepted until he turned over the S. of P. library to his successor, this up to the present time he has refused to do although he has been repeatedly requested to do so.

P. S. of A. members do you think this kind of a man will make your society a model President?

MR. J. C. MILLER, of Coal Valley, has our thanks for a copy of the *Pittsburg Commercial Gazette* of June 20th containing a half column article about the Twin City Philatelic Society and Pittsburg philatelists. It gave a complete list of the members of the Twin City Society and some of their largest collections.

The article is well written and evidently the work of a Twin City philatelist.

A STRONG effort is being made by some of the prominent dealers and collectors in New York City to form a society of one hundred members who will each contribute \$25 each toward securing a number of rooms and have them modestly furnished for the purpose of holding auction sales, lectures, etc., and having a common meeting place where philatelists from all parts of the country could find their fellow collectors in the city.

We trust it will prove successful as there are good men at the head of it. The committee appointed consists of J. W. Scott, Chairman; J. M. Andreini, Secretary; Wm. Herrick, John N. Luff and Chas. Gregory.

Later—We are informed that half the amount is already subscribed in New York City but very little support has been received from other cities.

THE corner on the *Columbian* stamps is broken. The \$2.00 ones unused are offered at face and some speculators who wished to sell out quickly offered them at a discount. The \$1.00 has dropped to \$5.00.

A. A. THOMPSON, of Laconia, N. H., who was arrested for securing stamps from dealers and not paying for same plead guilty. Sentence was deferred for same as it was shown that he had no intention of defrauding and promised to pay all his creditors as soon as possible. Thompson was young and thought like Ivy L. Lee that any person could run a stamp business. His mother, being a poor widow, helped Thompson considerable.

WE are in receipt of a copy of J. M. Bartels & Co.'s complete Price Catalogue and Reference List of the Plate Numbers of the U. S. Adhesive Postage Stamps issued from 1847 to 1896. It is very complete and right up to date. The price of the work we think is a little high, 50c.

THE latest craze is the collecting of Posters and from what we are able to learn, it has many devotees, among them is Will M. Clemens who has issued a paper in the interest of posters. Mr. Clemens was once a philatelist of note and published *The Old Curiosity Shop* in the 80's.

MR. C. W. LAWTON, of Patterson's Mills, Pa., informs me that the July issue of his *Pennsylvania Stamp* will be printed on red, white and blue paper and contain the portraits of quite a number of prominent philatelists. After the July No. it will be discontinued until Dec. 1, when Mr. L. will print it himself.

REV. THOS. E. GREEN, rector of Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who made a prayer before the Chicago Democratic Convention, is an ardent philatelist.

J. F. DODGE, of Windsor, Conn., has gone up into the hills of New Hampshire for several weeks on account of his health. He states that there will be no June issue of the *Columbian Philatelist* and the July number will not be out before August first.

L. G. DORPAT, H. D. RUEHLMAN, and several others are compiling a Wisconsin Philatelic Blue Book. Mr. Dorpat is doing the literary work while Mr. Ruehlman has charge of the business end of the matter.

UNTIL quite recently there were a number of the old green shilling stamps on sale at several of the Bermuda Post Offices, but they are all bought up now and will be held until there is a change in the throne of England when they are expected to rise in value.

## The Philatelic Press.

The *Rocky Mountain Stamp* issued a patriotic number for July, printed in red and blue ink on fine white paper. The contents as usual are of the highest order. Typographically it is the model of perfection.

Crawford Capen commenced "A Descriptive Catalogue of the United States Postage Stamps" in the June *Post Office* and illustrates it with cuts of U. S. stamps which have a heavy white line across the centre.

The *Dixie Philatelist* for July is a great improvement over last number, in contents, make up and quality of paper.

The Queen City Philatelic Society, of Denver, will hold their annual meet this year at Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 10.

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